REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on May 5, 2004, claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 30 were allowed; and claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Motamed et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,687,303).

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 15 has been amended.

Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 15, 19, 20, 24, 25 and 30 are pending in the subject application.

Motamed et al. discusses a printer controller apparatus and method for converting page image defined using a PDL into print data and printer control commands such that each type of object in the page image is optimally printed (see column 2, lines 34-38). Motamed et al. further discusses an object optimized printer control device and a method which automatically determines the object type for each independent object of the page image (see column 2, lines 51-54).

Claim 15 has been amended to include some of the allowable subject matter as recited in independent claims 5 and 10. Specifically, claim 15 has been amended to include "integrating the separate sets of data read". Thus, claim 15 also patentably distinguishes over Motamed et al.

Withdrawal of the foregoing rejection is respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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